

## The Golfer of the Year Trophy (Ladies)



The Golfer Of the Year Trophy goes back to the 1969. Louis Somerville presented trophy. Louis Somerville was Lady Captain in 1969. She was very proud of the trophy of the two hands holding the golf club. It is a competition hard fought for during the season.

The Golfer with the greatest number of points derived from all Golfer of the Year (GOTY) qualifying competitions is awarded the Ladies Golfer of the Year Trophy. Competitions for which GOTY points are allocated include Major/Trophy competitions, Medal Competitions, and the Singles Matchplay competition The Golfer of the Year Trophy is presented at the Ladies AGM in November.

**Louis Sommerville**





An important additional point of note to be added to the **Colette Cassidy Junior Girls Trophy** feature...

Another 1998 highlight of Colette's commitment to Junior Girls Golf was when, in April 1998, at Rathsallagh Golf Club, Brona McGinley emerged as one of the three Leinster qualifiers for the all-Ireland McGuirk's Golf Junior Open. The final, which involved twelve junior girls - three from each province - was held in The K Club on 12th June 1998. To Colette's great delight Brona won the Trophy.



## THE COLETTE CASSIDY JUNIOR GIRLS TROPHY



Colette Cassidy Trophy is a matchplay competition held annually for Junior Girls. Due to the growth of the Junior Girls Section in recent years this competition was recommenced in 2022. Following a matchplay final over 18 holes, Colette's Trophy will be presented this Saturday 16th September to the winning girl.

Colette joined Howth Golf Club in 1973 and became involved in playing on club teams, held positions on committee, and was Lady Captain in 1993.

Colette was passionate about developing & nurturing junior girls golf in Howth. She put in place a junior girls programme in her Captain's year. Colette, as team Captain along with the Club Professional John McGuirk, brought the Junior Girls to an All-Ireland Final in 1998.



Colette's two granddaughters Gráinne and Caoimhe Reid joined as members and played for a number of years. They both held the position of Junior Girls Captain. Colette passed the junior girls section over to our late esteemed member Carmel Walshe who continued to build on the talent of Howth junior girls.

Colette also held a position in the ILGU supporting junior girls golf at a provincial level.

Colette was a member of the winning team when Howth won the McLoughlin Trophy in 1988 and again when they won in 1990. Team photos in the Ladies Locker room.

Colette was a member of the winning team when Howth Ladies won the Countess of Granard Cup in 1990. Team photo in the ladies Locker room,

1993 during Colette's year of Captaincy Howth Ladies won the Daily Mail Amateur Matchplay Foursomes. Colette travelled with the winning team, Denise Quinn and Marie Stanley to Lindrick Golf Club South Yorkshire where they played and won the cup. Photo in the Club Lounge.

Colette sadly passed away in 2007. Colette's family were delighted to present a trophy in support of Howth Junior Girls golf in her memory.



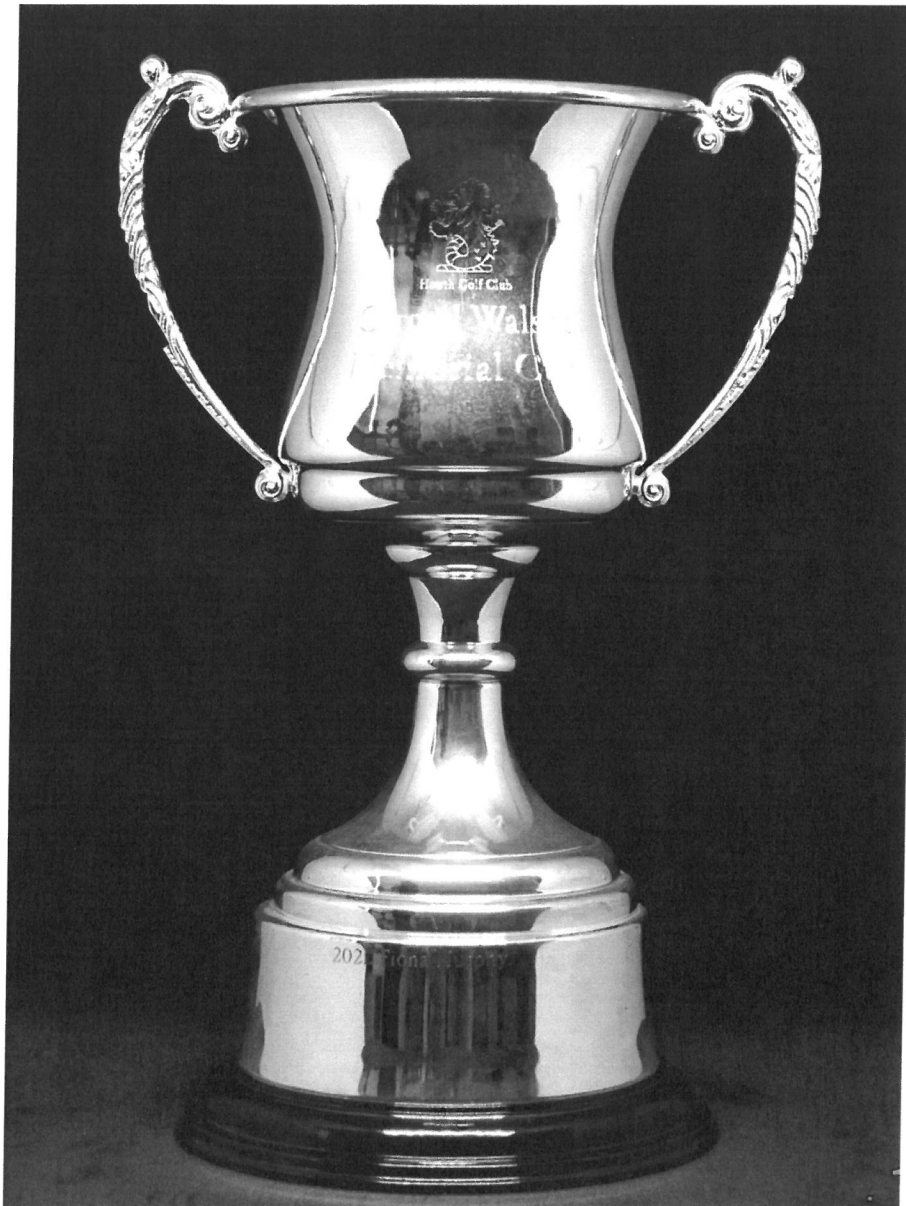


## THE MICHAEL HANNIGAN SHIELD



This is a Singles Stableford competition usually played during September. This year the competition will be played on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September. Michael was the Mens Captain in 1996 and died in office. The Club presented this trophy in his honour. This is an integrated competition with men and lady winners. The names are placed on the Shield.

## THE CARMEL WALSH MEMORIAL TROPHY



The Carmel Walshe Trophy is a Stableford Competition for the Ladies. It will take place on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

Carmel Walshe was a native of Tuam, Co Galway, born December 1948, one of 5 Children and daughter to the town's GP.

She moved to Sutton from Waterford, via Malahide in 1985 with her Husband Paddy & three daughters, Adrienne, Yveanne & Kate and joined Howth Golf Club in 1988.



When Colette Cassidy formed the Junior Girls Section in the club Carmel quickly became involved having 2 of her daughters on the Junior Girls panel. Together Colette and Carmel in conjunction with the then Golf Pro, John McGuirk, brought the Junior Golf Girls team to an "All Ireland Final" for the first time in Howth's history.

Carmel then joined the Ladies Committee in 2015 & became Lady Captain in 2017. She was an enthusiastic, hardworking Captain along with her fellow Captain, Michael O'Connor.

Carmel was hugely supportive to the New Lady Members in the Club, always volunteering to 'Buddy' new members as soon as a 'volunteer' campaign commenced. Carmel was enormously welcoming to all new members.

Carmel very sadly & suddenly passed away on 14th March 2021.

The Carmel Walshe trophy was announced in the Summer of 2021 as a huge mark of respect of her unwavering support, belief in fairness, her enormous contribution to the Club & her immense popularity.





## THE EILEEN MONAGHAN MEMORIAL TROPHY



This is a fourball one day event. Eileen was the Lady Captain in 1976. Her husband was the Mens Captain in 1974. Eileen was the team captain in the 1980's of the Townsend Foursomes which was won by the Howth team 7 times! Eileen's family approached the ladies committee to introduce the plaque in her memory. The competition is a fourball as this was Eileen's favourite golf format.

This year the Eileen Monaghan Trophy 18 hole Fourball competition will be held on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> August.



**Eileen Monaghan**



## THE JACQUI McALEESE MEMORIAL TROPHY



Jacqui McAleese was a member of Howth Golf Club. She died from breast cancer in March 2018. Jacqui's husband, Conor, children, Ciara and Rachel and sister in law, Jane presented the trophy to Howth Golf Club in her memory in 2019.

Jacqui McAleese left the Mater Hospital where she was a Senior radiographer to help set up Breast-Check in 1999 /2000. She was the Head Radiographer and along with people such as Michael Kerins and Fidelma Flanagan, was responsible for rolling out the nationwide mammogram screening programme . Based in Eccles Street the initial days were both exciting and challenging in staffing and equipping up the unit with suitably qualified radiographers who were prepared to work in the mobile units that would be dotted around the country. One of the first radiographers employed was Marie Goti , sister of Howth member Yvonne Agnew. Under the team the rollout of Breast- Check was highly successful in early breast cancer detection and undoubtedly helped save the lives of many Irish women. Jacqui stayed with Breast Check until 2006. She then took up the role of Superintendent Radiographer with Beaumont Private Clinic.

The trophy is played for on our clubs Annual Play in Pink Day. This competition is a fund raiser in aid of Breast Cancer research. Last year Howth raised €8000. We are very proud to support this worthy charity.



**Jacqui McAleese**





## THE CAPTAIN'S PRIZE to LADIES



Photo of Captain's Prize

### **Captain's Prize**

The premier Ladies' competition of the year is now upon us!

This has traditionally been held on two Saturdays in June, however, it has been moved to July to facilitate Interclub matches. It is a cumulative competition over both days.

The Captain of the day decides the format and may choose a Stableford or Strokes event.

This year it is a Stableford competition. Our professional, Alan O'Sullivan, will act as starter for the day.

In recent years the top 21 players have been seeded for day 2, and the same will happen this year.

This year's prize is a Declan Killen Design, which is bespoke – including stones with the Howth Golf Club colours. Best of luck to everyone!

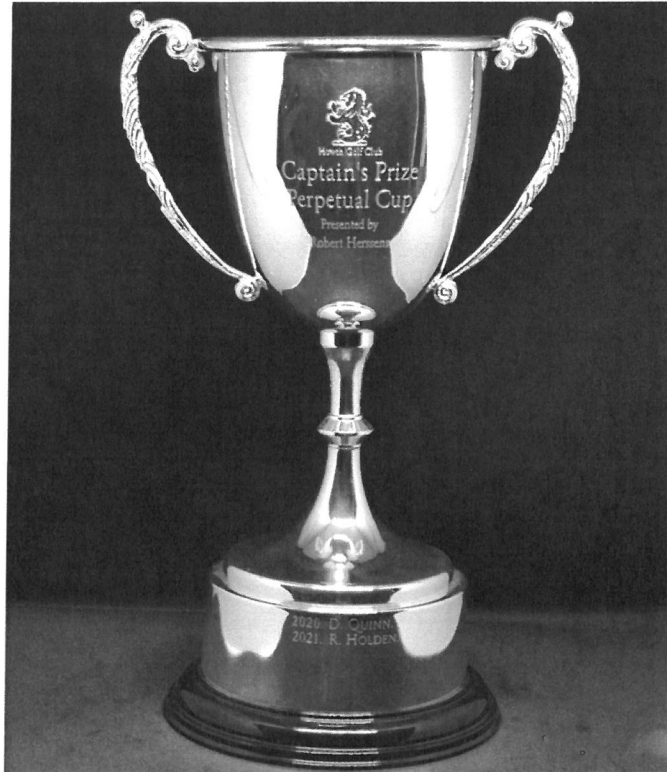
Captain Helen Dawkins' prize days are - Day 1 Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July and Day 2 Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July. On the afternoon of Day 1 non-playing lady members are invited to Afternoon Tea from 3.30pm in the Carrickbrack Room.

There will be a dinner and prize giving following Day 2, starting at 6.30pm with a 'Bubbly' reception, and finishing with some swinging music! Captain Helen looks forward to welcoming you all to the golf and the dinner.



## THE CAPTAINS PRIZE (MENS)

### PERPETUAL CUP



### Photo of Captains Prize

#### **Captain's Prize**

This is regarded as the premier competition of the year. It is usually held on the last two Saturdays of June each year and is a cumulative Stableford competition over the two days. However, the Captain of the day decides the format and may change the format to a strokes event and he may also introduce qualifying days with a specified number qualifying for the final day.

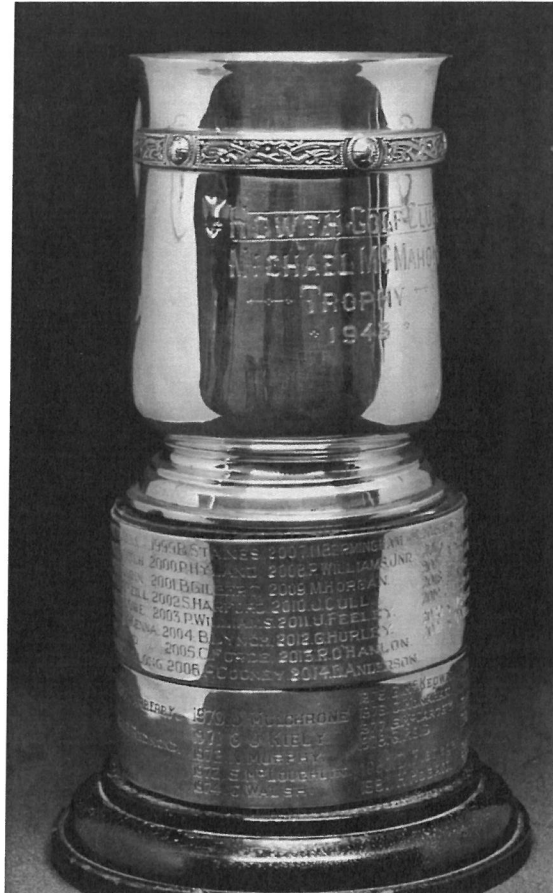
This year, 2023, the Captains (John Clancy) will be a Stableford competition with Day 1 Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June and Day 2 Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

On Day 2 the Captains Prize to 5 Day Players , Intermediate Players and Junior (U18 Handicap) Players commences at 15:30.

There will be a dinner and prize giving following Day 2, at 8pm. Captain John looks forward to welcoming you all to the golf and the dinner.



## THE MICHAEL MCMAHON TROPHY



**Michael McMahon Trophy, this is a VPar Competition for men and ladies.** Michael McMahan, who joined Howth Golf Club on 16th January 1920, was elected Honorary Treasurer on 22 January 1921. He remained treasurer for 37 years until the AGM in 1958.

McMahon was born in London to a Clare father and served as a Civil Servant in the Ministry of Munitions during the Great War. He was interested in Irish Nationalism and was a member of the United Irish League and the Ancient Order of Hibernians. At the end of the war he sought and was granted a transfer from London to Dublin. In Dublin he joined the Ancient Order of Hibernians Civil Service Lodge (Civil Service Division No. 1000).

McMahon's election as Treasurer, facilitated by the influx of new members with affiliation to the Ancient Order of Hibernians, marked the end of the old

guard of founding members, with the resignation of the Secretary, James Spencer and the Captain, P J Hussey and the departure from the club of many of the founding members.

McMahons first year in office was a resounding success as he transformed a debit balance of £500 on the clubs account into a credit balance of £150, while showing an operating profit for that first year of £863 -15s – 6d.

As well as being Treasurer for 37 years he was also Captain for three years, 1927, 1928 & and 1929 and he was one of the dominant figures in the club up to 1958.

### **MICHAEL MCMAHON**



## **THE IVY HADDEN TROPHY (Mixed Foursomes)**



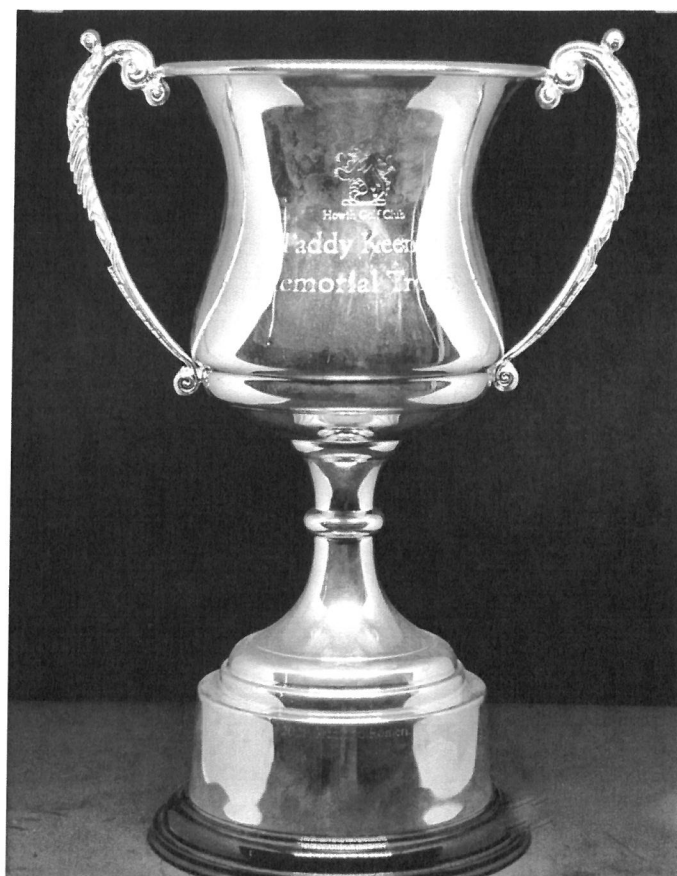
**The Ivy Hadden Trophy is a Mixed Foursomes Competition. Ivy was a PE teacher in Sutton Park School. She played off a handicap of 1 in addition to being a great hockey player and squash player. She won the Midland Golf Championships in Mullingar in the mid '70's. Ivy also played in some of the men's competitions off the men's tee. Ivy died in 1977 and her family approached the club to put forward a trophy in her memory. It was presented in 1978 and first played for in 1979.**



**IVY HADDEN**



## THE PADDY KEENAN MEMORIAL TROPHY



The Paddy Keenan Memorial Trophy is a single Stableford competition for men.

Paddy Keenan's earliest association with Howth Golf Club was as a caddy in 1935, six years after the opening of the second 9 holes. Paddy worked in the club bar in HGC from 1949. In 1950 he along with 16 others set up the artisans. Paddy became a full member of the club in 1969.

Paddy holds a proud record in HGC, he has collected the full set of 'Majors'. This he completed in 1995 when he won the

Philly McHenry Shield. He played interclub matches for the club in all available competitions. One missing from the list was the 'Junior Cup' for which he was not eligible playing off 2 at the time. Paddy was a vice President of HGC after many years of loyal service serving on committees and as convenor of the course and the house.

When Paddy passed away in July 2020 the then Captain, Rob Herssens, thought it would be fitting to have a trophy in his honour, which his family were delighted with and very proud of. The trophy was first played for in 2021.

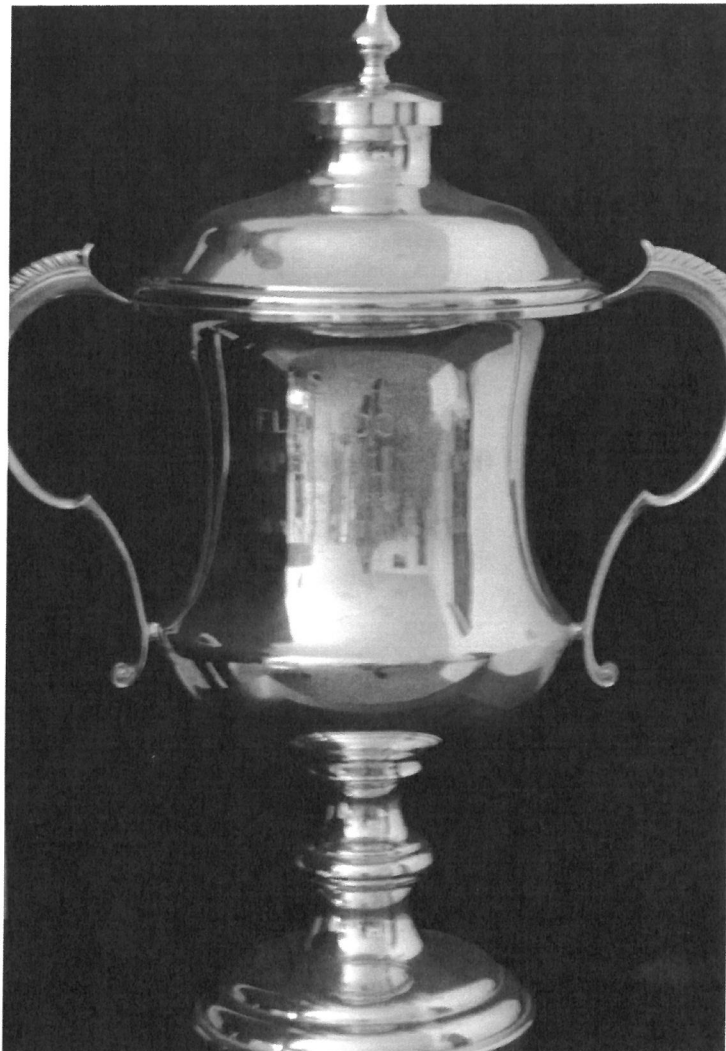
Paddy was always known as being a wealth of knowledge about our club and a true club legend.

**PADDY KEENAN**





## THE FLO NOONAN CUP



The Flo Noonan Cup is a 4 Person Invitation Team event. It is run annually in aid of Howth Meals on Wheels.

Flo Noonan was Lady Captain in 1939 (Mrs G. Griffin) and again 20 years later in 1959 (Mrs P.P. Noonan). Flo was a single figure handicap player.

Unfortunately we do not have a photo of Flo to add to our feature but would love if one of our members had a photo and any additional information to contribute.

## THE PGA TANKARD (Sample)



The PGA Tankard is a Singles Stableford competition for ladies and men, with a winner from both groups. The winners on the day will then go forward to play, with our Club Pro, Alan O'Sullivan, in a regional qualifier at a later date.

Ultimately the winners of the regionals will also compete and get an opportunity to play in St Andrews.



## HOWTH GOLF CLUB PROFESSIONAL ALAN O'SULLIVAN





## THE SHEILA STEELE TROPHY



This is a Singles Stableford competition for ladies and men.



Sheila Steele was born in 1921 in Greenore, Co Louth, where she started her golf. She died in 2012. She had a handicap Of 6. Sheila was the Lady Captain in 1958. She won **8** Lady Captains Prizes! She was in her 69<sup>th</sup> Year in 1990 when she won her last Lady Captains Prize. She was a member of the Townsend Foursomes (now called Senior Foursome's) team when Howth Golf Club won in 1973, 1976, 1978 and 1980. When she died in 2012 her family presented the trophy to Howth Golf Club in her memory.

## THE PRESIDENTS CUP



This cup was inaugurated in honour of the Clubs President. It was first presented and played for in 1920, Lieutenant Com G St Lawrence 1920 RNDL. It was played for by men only up to 2014. From 2015, with the change to an Executive President, the event is now hosted by the Club President and is played by both the ladies and men, with a winner from each section. This is a stableford competition over 18 holes and an integrated timesheet operates on the day. A prize giving event is held on the evening of the competition.

Our Club President this year, 2023, is Brenda Flynn and she would like to extend a warm welcome to all, to the canapés reception and prize giving.

Howth Golf Club President 2023 Brenda Flynn





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## THE DES REA O'KELLY CUP



This trophy was introduced in 2013, replacing the Park Motors Trophy, in honour of Des Rea O'Kelly, who was Captain of Howth Golf Club in 1960 and 1961. Des was also centenary President of the Golfing Union of Ireland in 1991. He also designed the clubhouse and was the architect for the development of Liberty Hall.

This competition is for ladies and men, with a ladies and men's winner and continued the integrated timesheet format of its predecessor. The competition is a Singles Stableford.

# Phillie McHenry Trophy

This trophy was introduced in honour of Phillie McHenry. It was presented in 1974 by the associates, in his memory. Phillie was a very popular member known for being really encouraging and generous with his time and giving of golf tips. He was the Club Captain in 1950. Phillie died in 1974. This is a Ladies Singles strokes competition.

